

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
PETERS et al. )  
Application Number: To be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING )  
OF RESIDUES FROM THE )  
MICROSTRUCTURE AN OBJECT )  
Atty Docket No. KOBE.0061 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: